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1. On 3 March 1953, about 350 officers and EM with black-bordered red-epaulets were entrained at the Eisenstadt (P 48/X 55) railroad station which was blocked by sentries with black-bordered red epaulets. The highest rank observed was a colonel wearing black-bordered red epaulets with artillery insignia. The train consisted of a coach with officers, 8 boxcars with EM, 1 boxcar probably with ammunition, 3 flatcars with billeting equipment, and [REDACTED] flatcars carrying 3 SU-76 assault guns, [REDACTED] 5 x 57-mm AT guns, 2 AA machine guns on trucks and 20 to 25 vehicles. The vehicles observed included jeeps [REDACTED], and trucks [REDACTED] 25X1

At 10:40 a.m. the train left toward Neusiedl am See (P 48/X 76). After its departure, another 300 officers and EM with black-bordered red epaulets, including two majors, were entrained at the Eisenstadt railroad station. About 200 troops arrived from the town on trucks while the others marched. The train consisted of 1 coach with officers, 12 boxcars with EM, and 32 two-axle flatcars carrying 4 x 57-mm AT guns towed by trucks, including [REDACTED] 4 x 120-mm mortars towed by trucks [REDACTED], 4 x 82-mm mortars loaded on 2 trucks, [REDACTED] trucks [REDACTED] with field kitchens, and trucks [REDACTED] 25X1

At 1:20 p.m., the train was still standing at the Eisenstadt railroad station. During the loading, a column of 11 trucks with student drivers passed the railroad station toward Wulkaprodersdorf (P 48/X 54) and returned to Eisenstadt at about 1 p.m. [REDACTED] 25X1

A lieutenant colonel wearing red-bordered black epaulets entered the building of the former Landesregierung, guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Military personnel observed at the Jaeger Kaserne or at the quarters on Rheinland Strasse, guarded by sentries with black-bordered red epaulets, included 18 officers with black-bordered red [REDACTED] 25X1

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epaulets. Most of the officers carried suitcases. The highest rank observed was a captain. Ambulance [ ] truck [ ] and jeep [ ] left the Jaeger Kaserne. They were driven by soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets.<sup>1</sup>

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2. On 4 March, [ ] 26 x 37 AA guns and 35 motor vehicles in the area of Camp Apetlon (P 48/X 74). [ ] the total was about 30 AA guns and 50 vehicles respectively. The officers' residence on the northwestern perimeter of Apetlon was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. About 20 EM with red-bordered black epaulets were playing ball in the yard. Two canvas-covered searchlights and 4 trucks were standing in the garage. [ ] the officers' residence actually was occupied by cadre personnel of Camp Apetlon which included two officers and a guard detail. The camp commander and his deputy commander, both lieutenant colonels, were permanently stationed there while the guard detail was relieved once in a month. [ ] troop shipments were observed at night on 3 March and during the morning on 4 March. Until 25 April, the lake and the adjoining area would be off limits except for days when there were no firing practices and which would be announced. [ ] troops from Szombathely (P 48/C 78), Hungary, also came to Apetlon for firing practices. [ ] as proof, [ ] the soldiers had tried to pay their bills with forints.<sup>2</sup>

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3. On 28 February, truck [ ] and jeep [ ] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were observed at the office on Hoven Gasse in Korneuburg (O 49/S 30). Two groups of 40 unarmed soldiers each entered the Albrechts Kaserne. They wore red-bordered black epaulets and came from the direction of the cantonment on the road to Leobendorf. Trucks [ ] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were observed at the Albrechts Kaserne. Trucks [ ] with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were loaded at the ration supply depot on Bahnhofs Platz. Officers observed at the cantonment on the road to Leobendorf included 2 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, 1 major with black-bordered black epaulets, and 1 captain with black-bordered red epaulets. The installation was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 15 EM were seen standing at a ballistic director in the cantonment. Ambulance [ ] and trucks [ ] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, entered or left the installation.<sup>3</sup>

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4. On 28 February, about 40 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were engaged in close-order drill at the Prinz Eugen Kaserne in Stockerau (O 49/S 21). Trucks [ ] with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed at the installation. Four 85-mm AA guns were standing in the yard of the Artillerie Kaserne. Miniature parachutes were used for aiming practice with AA machine guns at the air target installation. About 40 EM practiced firing rifles at the range east of the installation.<sup>3</sup>

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1. [ ] Comment. The troops loaded at the Eisenstadt railroad station belong to the 234th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt stationed in Eisenstadt which possibly moved to a troop training grounds for firing practices. [ ]

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. Apetlon is carried as AAA range where units of the Central Group of Forces from Hungary also conduct their firing practices. [REDACTED] the installation was occupied by AAA units for firing practices not later than early March 1953.

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